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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—PXI Systems Alliance, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on September 4, 2018, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), PXI Systems Alliance, Inc. (“PXI Systems”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Power Value Technologies Co., LTD, Shanghai, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, has been added as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and PXI Systems intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 22, 2000, PXI Systems filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on March 8, 2001 (66 FR 13971).

The last notification was filed with the Department on June 14, 2018. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on July 9, 2018 (83 FR 31774).

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Data Collections From Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Program Accreditors

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), is soliciting comments concerning proposed authority to conduct the voluntary information collection request (ICR) titled, “Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs Accrediting Entity Information.” This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all written comments received by November 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ETA-2018-0001 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from <http://www.regulations.gov> or by contacting Mark Judge by telephone at 202-693-3470 (this is not a toll-free number), or by email at IRAP.PRA@dol.gov. Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD).

Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship, Room C-5321, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; or by email: IRAP.PRA@dol.gov.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will become a matter of public record and will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information

collection request. In addition, comments, regardless of the delivery method, will be posted without change on the <http://www.regulations.gov> website; consequently, the Department recommends comments not include personal information such as social security number, personal address, telephone number, email address, or confidential business information that they do not want made public. It is the responsibility of the commenter to determine what to include in the public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Judge by telephone at 202-693-3470 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at IRAP.PRA@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOL, as part of its continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before submitting them to OMB for final approval. This program helps to ensure requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements can be properly assessed.

ETA has requested that OMB approve an Information Collection Request pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act. If approved, this request will enable ETA to collect essential data under Training and Employment Notice (TEN) No. 3-18 concerning the operational characteristics of certain industry-recognized apprenticeship programs that are being established under the statutory authority of the Act (located at 29 U.S.C. 50).¹

On June 15, 2017, President Trump issued Executive Order 13801, entitled “Expanding Apprenticeships in America,” which directed the Secretary of Labor (in consultation with the Secretaries of Education and Commerce)

¹ Please note that the projected duties of program “certifiers” (as referenced in TEN 3-18) in assessing the quality and rigor of industry-recognized apprenticeship programs are the same job functions traditionally performed by accreditation bodies. Accreditation is a statement from an accreditation body—an independent organization that oversees the development of voluntary consensus standards—declaring that another entity offering credentials, education, and/or training within a program (such as an industry-recognized apprenticeship program) has met specified certification standards. Additional information on accreditation bodies can be found at the website of the American National Standards Institute: https://www.standardsportal.org/usa_en/resources/USaccreditation_bodies.aspx. The Department intends to elaborate further upon these accreditation duties in amending 29 CFR part 29.